

REMARKS

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beach in view of Ezawa et al ("Ezawa").

Independent claims 10, 25 and 38 have been limited to the face component being composed of a titanium alloy, the volume ranging from 350-510 cc, at least one weight member attached to the aft-body, and an annular gap between the face component and the aft-body having a gap distance that ranges from 0.020 inch to 0.100 inch (support for which is found at paragraph 0080 of the Specification).

Beach fails to disclose individual masses for each of the components of the club head. Further, the entire invention of Beach is for a tight tolerance club head composed of a titanium alloy material face component and a body composed of a composite material, which requires the specific molding operation disclosed in Beach.

Ezawa teaches a club head composed of a special stainless steel and having a volume no greater than 320 cc and a mass no greater than 205 grams. Due to the specific gravity (7.70 or more) of the special steel of Ezawa, any increase in the volume would increase the mass outside of the preferred range taught by Ezawa.

Thus, Ezawa and Beach fail to disclose the combination of the amended claims, and the annular gap is specifically against the teaching of Beach.

The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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